

We are now at the start of another nursery year. Children have left to go to school and nursery children have started to move into new areas. Please remember due to the pandemic nursery must stipulate drop off and collection times. Please refer to time table on second page. We appreciate your support due to implementing hygiene practices and staff still on furlough. We need to continue with these times for the foreseeable future. On arrival please continue the good practice of washing your child's hands before they enter the nursery.

It is good to see areas re opening in the setting allowing children more space and freedom.

Our Topic book at nursery for August is

'Jolly Postman'

The Topic is Birthdays and Celebrations

Find out what we are up to on a daily basis by



following us on **TWITTER**; search for swansyardley. Or go to our nursery website and read our room blogs or learn about future events on www.littleswans.org.uk

Pre School News

Heroes This month Heroes will be engaged in lots of role play activities to help the children form new friendships. They will also be involved in group activities to help them to settle in and become familiar with their key worker. We will be looking at numbers through activities such as painting, animals and messy play. The children will be starting to look at their names and the letters that make up their names. We will be involved in activities to help them recognise the first letter of their name and try to form the letter. This will be done in various ways such as shaving foam where children will use their pointer finger to mark make in the foam. Painting with hand eye coordination to attempt to follow the lines of the letter and creative materials like sand.

Rolos This month the Rolos are going to be settling into the room learning new routine and making lots of new friends!! We will be reading Jolly Postman and in simple terms look at the way stories are structured, They will attempt to copy letter formation using the first letter of their name. In addition Rolos will start to focus on their name when signing themselves into nursery, self registration, tracing over their names and starting to identify their names on their coat pegs. We will also be looking at 2D shapes, colours and numbers.

Jelly Babies News

This month the Jelly babies will be exploring using lots of sensory activities such as foam, mud, water, playdough, textured food, hand and body painting, as well as cooking different food and trying fruit salad to encourage healthy eating.

The children will be making lots of pictures using tools such as rollers, paint brushes, different coloured paints, making pat mat paints on the tables to name but a few. Children will experience sensory resources and make their own sensory bottle shakers. We are looking at sensory textured display work too where children will use touch, feel, smell, taste sight and hearing. We will also be looking at sensory textured display work.

The dance teacher from Creative Flair will be coming into the setting to teach dance to the children every Tuesday starting from 7th Sep. If you would like your child to attend these sessions please talk to a member of staff from our unit.

Smarties

This month the children will be involved in lots of activities that will help them settle into routine and build friendships. Smarties will be learning about colours and numbers. They will be involved in lots of sensory activities such as spaghetti play and ice cube painting to name but two.

They will be exploring different fruits and will be making smoothies and fruit skewers.

Smarties will be doing lots of art work for their display boards and art folders. They will be involved in painting, colouring, gluing sticking and chalking.

A busy month for all!!

Sweeties

This month we will be settling our children into the room making them as comfortable as possible and encouraging friendships through planned activities and routine.

The Sweeties will have plenty of time to settle. In between they will be learning to name the days of the week and recognise what the weather is doing on each specific day.

The children will be involved in lots of art and craft activities such as colouring, painting and gluing and sticking so that their work can be displayed throughout the room. Sweeties will also be learning to match shapes by using markers to draw the shape on paper and recognising them from shape stickers in the environment.

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The library is closed for the foreseeable future and therefore we do not have access to books and story sessions ☹️

• Notice for all parents

*Drop in SENCO Session

Rose our assistant manager has a drop in session for parents on Thursday 24th September 2020. If you have any concerns regarding your child's development etc please call the nursery on 0121 706 8889. We are here to help and taking telephone appointments.

Notice for Parents.

- Can parents and carers please make sure all items that come into the setting are clearly labelled with your child's full name. Items such as bags, coats, jackets, shoes, water bottles, milk bottles, food etc
- Dance Lessons by Creative Flair start again as from Tuesday 7th September from 9:30am until 10am for the under 3's. And over 3s 10am until 10:30am. Please pay through Creative Flair on line
- Bed sheets from home must be clearly labelled with your child's full name as these will remain in nursery due to Corona Virus

FUNDING

As we are approaching the end of term and will soon be starting another term I would like to signpost parents to the government site [childcare choices](https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk). This site has been set up by the government to advise parents on funding and tax free childcare available for working parents. If you think you may be eligible please visit the site on complete the online calculator which will provide you with money saving options for your childcare. Thank you <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

Upcoming Events and Dates

Drop off and Collection Times as Follows:

AM 7:30am, 8am, 8:30am, 9am, 9:30am

PM 3:50pm, 4:20pm, 4:50pm, 5:20pm, 5:45pm

Car Parking availability: Please use Social Club and Tile Shop not the nursery car park.

If you arrive by Taxi please do not let the driver park on the nursery. Thank you.

Nursery App

As from this month we will no longer be using the Nursery App to relay information. This is because the Learning Journals which all parents have access to contain all information regarding the setting. Therefore the App has become obsolete. Please refer to the Learning Journal site going forward.

Next Steps

If you observe your child carrying out one of the next steps from their flower the online journal system allows you to upload photos for the staff to view.

Staff Training:

Staff meeting will be on Thursday 24th September 2020. Please collect your child no later than 4.50pm. This month's meeting will be safeguarding. Thank you